

The following list of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1-50. (Canceled)

51. (Currently Amended) A method of administering a sodium channel blocker to an airway surface of a subject in need thereof, comprising:

administering the sodium channel blocker in an effective therapeutic amount in a vehicle, said vehicle comprising potassium sulfate or potassium phosphate as an ionic osmolyte, said potassium sulfate or potassium phosphate included in an amount effective to increase the volume of liquid on the airway surface,

wherein said subject is afflicted with cystic fibrosis.

52. (Canceled)

53. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 51, wherein said administering step is an aerosol inhalation administering step.

54. (New) The method according to Claim 51, wherein said vehicle comprises potassium sulfate as the ionic osmolyte.

55. (New) The method according to Claim 51, wherein said vehicle comprises potassium phosphate as the ionic osmolyte.

56. (New) The method according to Claim 51, wherein said sodium channel blocker is selected from the group consisting of amiloride, benzamil and phenamil.